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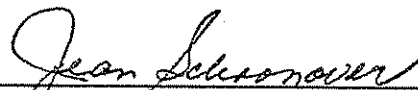
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INFORMATIONAL LETTER #92-12

DATE: September 28, 1992
TO: Administrators
IDAHO HOSPITALS
FROM: Jean Schoonover, R.N., Chief
Bureau of Facility Standards
SUBJECT: TB Skin Testing (IDAPA 16.03.14200,03.b.ii.)

There have been questions as to what does "prior to employment" mean in terms of time.

Because of the recent outbreak of Tuberculosis, we have determined that "prior to employment" means within the last thirty (30) days. If the results of a TB skin test are not available within the last thirty (30) days, then the test must be done upon employment, unless the employee has a history of a prior positive.


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Enclosure
cc: Idaho Hospital Association
Friz R. Dixon, M.D.



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02. Administration. The governing body, through the administrator, shall provide appropriate physical facilities and personnel required to meet the needs of the patients and the community. (10-14-88)
03. Chief Executive Officer or Administrator. The governing body through the chief executive officer shall establish the following policies, procedures or plans: (10-14-88)
- a. The hospital shall adopt a written personnel policy concerning qualification, responsibility, and condition of employment for each category of personnel. The policy and/or procedures shall contain the following elements: (10-14-88)
 - i. Documentation of orientation of all employees to policies, procedures and objectives of the hospital. (10-14-88)
 - ii. Job descriptions for all categories of personnel. (10-14-88)
 - iii. Documentation of continuing education (inservice) for all patient care personnel. (10-14-88)
 - b. There shall be a personnel record for each employee, which shall contain at least the following: (10-14-88)
 - i. Current licensure and/or certification status. (10-14-88)
 - ii. The results of a Tuberculin Skin Test which shall be determined either by history of a prior positive, or by the application of a skin test prior to or within thirty (30) days of employment. If the skin test is positive, either by history or by current test, a chest X-ray shall be taken, or a report of the result of a chest X-ray taken within three (3) months preceding employment, shall be accepted. The Tuberculin Skin Test status shall be known and recorded and a chest X-ray alone is not a substitute. No subsequent annual chest X-ray or skin test is required for routine surveillance. (10-14-88)
 - c. There shall be regularly scheduled depart-

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